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# Dublin Operatic Society

(FOUNDED 1928)



SPRING SEASON  
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Commencing

Monday, 18th February

Concluding

Saturday, 23rd February

## THE BOHEMIAN GIRL

*Balfe*

## RIGOLETTO

*Verdi*

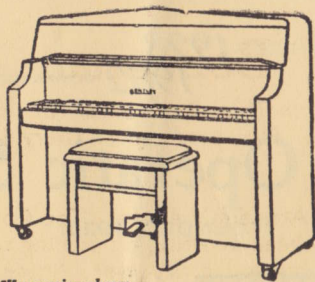
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## THE STORY OF THE OPERA

### The Bohemian Girl

*Romantic Opera, in Three Acts. Music by Michael William Balfe, Book by Alfred Bunn. First produced at Drury Lane Theatre, London, November 27, 1843.*

**Act 1.**—Count Arnheim's estate. The Count joins a group of huntsmen who have been awaiting his coming to set out on a hunt. Bidding farewell to his young daughter, Arline, the Count and his followers depart and Arline and Buda, her nurse, return towards the Count's Castle. Thaddeus, a young Polish fugitive, rushes in seeking to escape the Austrian soldiers. Devilshoof and his band of gipsies arrive and Thaddeus joins them, disguising himself in gipsy costume. Next, Florestein, the Count's nephew, hurries on with the news that Arline has been attacked by a stag and Thaddeus hastens to her rescue.

The grateful Count entertains him to a banquet where his refusal to toast the Emperor brings him again into danger. Devilshoof, however, intervenes and helps the young man to escape. For his boldness, Devilshoof is imprisoned, but soon he, too, escapes, and abducts Arline.

**Act 2, Scene (i)**—A Gipsy Camp in Pressburg. Twelve years have passed and Arline, now a member of the gipsy band, has grown into a beautiful young woman devotedly guarded by Thaddeus. While she is sleeping, Florestein wanders drunkenly on the scene and is robbed of a medallion. Arline awakes and she and Thaddeus declare their love. Their hands are joined in betrothal by the gipsy Queen, who is secretly jealous and vows vengeance.

**Scene (ii)**—The Fair. The Count and Florestein are seen amidst the crowd. Florestein attempts to make love to Arline, who repels him. Here the Gipsy Queen contrives to slip the medallion to Arline and has her arrested for its theft.

**Scene (iii)**—The Count's Apartments. The Count is mourning his long lost daughter when the supposed gipsy girl is brought before him and charged with theft. She pleads her innocence and her story and a scar on her arm causes the Count to recognise her as his daughter and they are happily re-united.

**Act 3**—Hall in the Count's Castle. Arline, surrounded by luxury, grieves for her carefree gipsy life and for Thaddeus. He, too, is lonely and, helped by Devilshoof, comes to see her. The arrival of guests forces the two men to hide.

When all the guests have come the gipsy Queen appears and accuses Arline of concealing Thaddeus. He comes forward to defend her and, when he has revealed his identity as a Polish noble, the Count agrees to his suit for Arline's hand.

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THE DUBLIN OPERA  
(FOUNDED 1847)

*Commencing Monday, 18th February*

**Monday, 18th February, and Thursday, 21st February.**  
**At 7.45 p.m.**

# The Bohemian Girl

(Balfe)

Count Arnheim (Governor of Pressburg) ... John Lynskey

Thaddeus (a Polish exile) ... ... Andrew Macpherson

Florestein (the Count's nephew) ... ... T. P. O'Brien

Devilshoof (chief of the gypsies) ... ... Jack Harte

Captain of the Guard ... ... Martin Power

Arline (the Count's daughter) :  
(As a child) ... ... Geraldine Collins  
(As a young woman) ... ... May Devitt

Buda (her nurse) ... ... Hilda Madden

The Gipsy Queen ... ... Chrystal Jackson

Dancers: Mary Baxter, Alice Kearns, Joan Sheridan, Eileen Kane.

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Conductor : D. Michael Brierley

Producer : Eily Murnaghan

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*Concluding Saturday, 23rd February*

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY

### ACT I

COUNT ARNHEIM'S ESTATE

### ACT II

Scene I : A GYPSY CAMP IN PRESSBURG

Scene II : THE FAIR

Scene III : THE COUNT'S APARTMENTS

### ACT III

A HALL IN THE COUNT'S CASTLE

Conductor : D. Michael Brierley ; Capt. J. P. Brennock

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„ Teresa Jennings  
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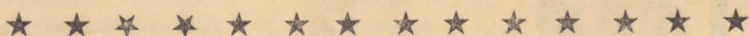
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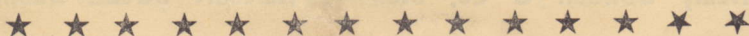
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